

# OPERATIONS RECORD BOOK

APPENDIX A.F. FORM 541.

## DETAIL OF WORK CARRIED OUT

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NIGHT 23/24.5.43	Wellington I HR.400 "F"	Sgt. Hadden, W.M. Sgt. BARKER, J.D. Sgt. VINE, E. Sgt. WARD, E. Sgt. Kelly, P.M.	BOMBING RECONSTRUCTION	22.56	01.46	This crew report good visibility with much smoke haze. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,500 ft at 0245 hours on a heading 125 deg W. Red markers were in both sights at moment of release but no markers were observed but it is thought that bombs dropped close to these markers. Flare bundles were in both sights at moment of release but were believed to have dropped close to the target. These appeared to have fallen in particular in the area with an "oh" of the bomb. Big explosions of H.M. bombs were seen above the aiming point. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500 lbs bombs, 25 x 50 lbs incendiaries, 270 x Albu incendiaries.	A.1
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	Wellington I HR.400 "F"	Sgt. HADDEN, W.M. Sgt. GARDNER, J.D. Sgt. WARD, E. Sgt. WARD, E. Sgt. BARKER, J.D.	BOMBING RECONSTRUCTION	22.59	01.06	This aircraft returned early due to technical defect. The bomb load was jettisoned from 16,000 ft. at 0045 hours on a heading 125 deg W. The bomb load was 3 x 500 lbs. Base was reached without incident.	A.2
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	Wellington I HR.553 "G"	Sgt. WRIGHT, J.M. Sgt. DONALD, J.C.B.M. Sgt. RITCHIE, G.M. Sgt. BROWN, F.S. Sgt. Thompson, W.A.	do	22.42	01.34	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by PFF markers and visually. A pinpoint was made on the primary and an attack was made from 16,000 ft at 0142 hours on a heading 125 deg W. Red markers were in both sights at moment of bombing but were believed to have dropped just S.W. of aiming point. Incendiary flares were burning all over the target area. These appeared to have fallen in particular in the area with an "oh" of the bomb. Big explosions of H.M. bombs were seen above the aiming point. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 150 x Albu incendiaries, 25 x 50 lbs incendiaries.	A.3
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	Wellington I HR.400 "F"	Sgt. CHAMBERS, P.M. Sgt. MOORE, R.F. Sgt. GARDNER, J.D. Sgt. MacDONALD, I.M. Sgt. GARDNER, J.D. Sgt. STRACHAN, W.M.	do	22.40	01.59	This crew report good visibility with slight ground haze. The target was identified by the PFF's red and green markers but ground detail was obscured by smoke. An attack was made from 19000ft at 0112 hrs. on a heading 125 deg W. Green markers were in both sights at moment of release but were believed to have dropped close to the target. These appeared to have fallen in particular in the area with an "oh" of the bomb. Big explosions of H.M. bombs were seen above the aiming point. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 360 x Albu, 40 x 50 lbs incendiaries.	A.4
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	Wellington I HR.732 "O"	Sgt. THOMPSON, W.A. Sgt. SHAKESPEARE, E. Sgt. STAFFORD, F. Sgt. HADFIELD, M.L. Sgt. HORN, G. Sgt. WARD, E.	do	22.40	23.02	This aircraft returned early due to technical defect. Constant speed unit failed so decided to return at 2500hrs. Jettisoned fuel to lighten load and brought the bomb back to base. Load carried 360 x Albu, 40 x 50 lbs incendiaries.	A.5

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23/24.5.43	Wellington X LN 435 "B"	Sgt. BRIDGES, A.R. Sgt. BEAG, R.H. Sgt. PHARSON, R.H. Sgt. JENKINS, R. Sgt. SODDEN, W.H.	BOMBING BOMBING	22.55	04.30	This crew report good visibility and weather conditions very good the target was identified by the 299's yellow markers. A dipoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft. at 0126 hrs. on a heading 100° M. Red markers were in bomb sights at the moment of release and flash thought to be from our own bomb nose just north of markers. Concentrated fire burning round the markers with smoke rising up to 7000 or 8000 ft. A big explosion with flames showing up soon at 0123 hrs. Base was reached without incident. Load carried. 1 x 4000lbs. H.B.	A.6
23/24.5.43	Wellington X R.N. 279 "K"	S/O. SMITH, G.R. Sgt. BRIDGE, G.V. S/O. KINGLAID, S.A. Sgt. PHARSON, R.H. S/O. PATTERSON, L.R.	BO	23.00	04.06	This crew reported good visibility but given details obscured by smoke, the target was identified by 299's markers. A dipoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 17,500 ft. at 0127 hrs. on a heading 220° M. Red markers in bomb sights at the moment of release but bomb not seen to explode and thought to fall just east of aiming point. Large fire burning along road markers and smoke seen rising to about 8,000 ft over center of target. Base was reached without incident. Load carried. 1 x 4000lbs. H.B.	A.7
23/24.5.43	Wellington X LN 435 "B"	Sgt. ANDERS, P.O. P/O. JOHN, S. Sgt. HANSON, L. Sgt. BROWN, P. Sgt. KIRKBY, J.W.	BO	23.04	04.19	This crew report good visibility with ground covered with smoke. The target was identified by the 299's markers. A dipoint was obtained on the primary and an attack was made from 16,500 ft. at 0131 hrs. on a heading 220° M. Green markers were in bomb sights at the moment of release but ground details were obscured by smoke and haze. One large fire seen to S.E. of markers. Glow from target area could be seen from crew-coast on the return trip. Base reached without incident. Load carried. 1 x 4000lbs. H.B.	A.8
23/24.5.43	Wellington X RN 906 "H"	S/O. HESS, G.R. S/O. BARK, W.L. Sgt. RAYSON, L.R. Sgt. HARRISON, R. Sgt. BURNETT, R.A.	BO	23.04	02.16	This aircraft abandoned the task of bombing primary target owing to technical defect and decided to return to base. On the return journey from 11,000 ft at 0029 hrs. on a heading 220° M. made an attack on a flat ship in action on the beach coast but no result was observed. Base reached without incident. Load carried. 3 x 5000lbs. bombs 24 x 250lbs; 270 x 4lbs. incendiaries.	A.9
23/24.5.43	Wellington X RN 438 "T"	S/O. GILSON, R.S. S/O. BONE, A.G. P/O. COFFLAND, P.D. P/O. LAMBERTVILLE, J. Sgt. COYNE, S. Sgt. COLSON, R.	BO	23.08	04.05	This crew report good visibility but haze and haze at ground level. The target was identified by 299 and an attack was made from 15,000 ft at 0118 hrs. on a heading 200° M. Markers were in bomb sights at the moment of release but no result was observed. Bomb bursts and incendiaries seen around markers. Yellowish coloured explosions observed at 0117 hrs and large fire to south of aiming point. Base reached without incident. Load carried. 3 x 5000lbs bombs, 24 x 50lbs, 270 x 4lbs incendiaries.	

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NIGHT 23/24.5.43	WELLINGTON X NR.222 "F"	W/Obs. KIRBY, R.V. Sgt. SMITH, J.B. P/O. JENKINS, V.G. P/O. GIBSON, K.R. P/O. MURPHY, P.S.	BOBING DOWNING	23.02	04.14	This crew report good visibility. The target was identified by PFF. An attack was made from 18000ft at 0120hrs on a heading 195° N. Red markers were in both sights at the moment of release but no results were observed. Large flame with smoke rising to 12,000ft immediately N.W. of aiming point. Rest of crew a view of immediate all trail concentrated around markers. Trip considered very good. PFF's red and green markers well concentrated and flew straight through target. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 50lbs immediates.	A.11
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	WELLINGTON X NR.273 "F"	Sgt. ABRINGTON, S.S. Sgt. COOK, L.S. Sgt. GRANT, A.A. Sgt. GIBSON, A.W. Sgt. THOMAS, H.A.	do	23.02	02.21	This aircraft abandoned task owing to complete failure of oxygen equipment. Descended to base from 12500 at 0033 hrs on heading 304° N. 050° N, and jettisoned bomb load at moment believed to be in vicinity of enemy airfield. Base reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 50lbs immediates.	A.12
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	WELLINGTON X NR.50 "F"	Sgt. GIBSON, W.J. Sgt. JORDAN, K.M. Sgt. BAKER, J.J. Sgt. BARKER, L.S. Sgt. THOMPSON, G.	do	23.02	03.56	This crew report good visibility. The target was identified by PFF. An attack was made from 16,000ft at 0120 hrs on a heading 210° N. Red markers were in both sights at moment of release and bombs believed to have dropped close to red markers. No results were observed. Numerous fires burning all over the target area. Marshall met as directed. The trip was successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 50lbs immediates.	A.13
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	WELLINGTON X NR.555 "A"	P/O. MORRIS, S.L. P/O. BROWN, S.H. P/O. LINDSAY, J. P/O. LIVINGSTONE, R. Sgt. ROBINSON, R. Sgt. McLEOD, J.S.	do	23.02	03.52	This crew report good visibility. The target was identified by red and green markers. An attack was made from 16,500 ft at 0120hrs on a heading 200° N. Red markers were in both sights at moment of release but no results were observed. Large and concentrated fires were burning around the markers a large smoke column was observed just west of markers at 0120 hrs. Trip considered very successful. Base reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 50lbs immediates.	A.14
NIGHT 23/24.5.43	WELLINGTON X NR.72 "B"	Sgt. HENSHALL, P.E. Sgt. GILLIES, L.A. Sgt. HAYLER, P.J. Sgt. LINDSAY, S.R. Sgt. MURPHY, W.	do	22.41	03.54	This crew report good visibility. The target was identified by red and green markers. An attack was made from 10,000 ft at 0110 hrs on a heading 195° N. Red markers in both sights but no results were observed from our bombs. Many good fires around aiming point. A/G was damaged by heavy flak over target at 0110 flying at 15,000ft Navigator wounded in the head by heavy flak fragments. Good concentration of 1/2 and 1/4 inch flak over target. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 450 x 4lbs, 32 x 50lbs immediates.	A.15

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NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR 645 "T"	Sgt. BAKER, D.G. Sgt. HIGGS, G.H. Sgt. THOMPSON, G.W. Sgt. BLACK, J. Sgt. SALLICE, J.	BOMBING PRELIMINARY	23.23	04.30	This crew report visibility good above 20th/10th cloud. The target was identified by navigational aids but no EFP's markers. The bombs were released but the target was not in bomb sight. The bombing was made from 18,000 ft. at 0150 hrs on a heading 055° M. It was a very disappointing trip with bombing appeared very scattered from coast to target and back. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 4000lbs H.B.	A.16
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR 732 "Q"	F/S. THOMPSON, J.S. Sgt. SHAKENFRAGG, W. F/S. STAPLEY, F. Sgt. BALDWIN, V.A. F/O. HILL, G. F/O. HERRIS, G.H.	do	23.16	04.11	This crew report 10th/10th thin cloud at 10,000 ft and visibility was good. The target was identified by EFP. An attack was made from 17,000 ft at 0138hrs. on a heading 255° M. Green markers were in the bomb sight at moment of release. Bombs believed to have dropped in the vicinity of green markers. Very early over target but sticks of incendiaries scattered over a fairly wide area. No large fires seen. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 360 x 4lbs, 40 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.17
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR 686 "W"	Sgt. CHAMBERLAIN, F.K. F/O. MOORE, R.P. F/O. OWEN, R.L. Sgt. BROWNELL, G.H. Sgt. GARRETT, R.K.	do	23.29	04.27	This crew report a fair visibility with thin cloud at 15,000ft also at 1290 to 1500 ft. The target was identified by the red and yellow markers also by visual on bend of river to S.W. of BRIDGEHEAD. Red markers in bomb sight a moment of release and bombs believed to have dropped on town center. 4,000lbs bombs seen bursting in target area. Fires scattered and fairly small. When A/O left the target fires were gaining a head. Glow of fires could be seen from approx 70 miles from target. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 5000lbs bomb, 270 x 4 lbs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.18
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR 593 "S"	Sgt. HEIGHT, J.H. Sgt. BOWEN, J.C. F/S. HAYWARD, G.D. Sgt. BROWN, F.K. Sgt. BROWN, V.A.	do	23.15	04.19	This crew report good visibility with 5/10th to 7/10th cloud at 15000 to 17000 ft. The target was identified by green markers but at moment of bombing the red markers had gone out. An attack was made from 18000ft at 0140hrs on a heading 055° M. The bombs were dropped in the center of green markers but no results were observed. The clouds prevent definite observation but ring of fires circled the aiming point. Explosions as from 4000lbs bombs were seen and glow of fires was visible 60 to 70 miles away. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 360 x 4 lbs, 40 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.19
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR 429 "P"	Sgt. STEWART, A.H. F/O. GIBSON, L.H. F/S. SHARPE, F.D. Sgt. HERRIS, J.H. Sgt. HERRIS, V.A.	do	23.30	00.50	This aircraft returned early owing to technical defect. The master switch failed and the 1 x 4000lbs bomb fell off but the bomb was not yet fused. A/O turn back from 10,000 at 0004 hrs. on a heading 255° M. 0015° M. Base was reached without further incident.	A.20

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NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.524 "F"	F/O. TAYLOR, R.M. F/O. J'LAN, R.O. F/O. SHRYAN, J.A. F/O. SHRYAN, R.M. Sgt. BALLEW, A.O. F/O. SHRYAN, W.V.	BOMBING WESSELHOFF	23.31	02.59	This aircraft returned early owing to oil temperature rising to 110° and oil pressure dropping to 50° per square inch. The bomb load of 2 x 500lbs bombs, 24 x 50lbs incendiaries and 30 x 1lb incendiaries was jettisoned from 15000ft. at 0115 hrs. on a heading 315° E, 0245° E. The aircraft was back from 25,500ft at 0245hrs on a heading 285° E, 0530° E. 1 x 500lbs, 240 x 1lb incendiaries were brought back to base and none was reached without incident.	A.21
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.522 "A"	F/Lt. HERRICK, S.L. F/O. HODGE, S.V. F/O. LINDSEY, J. F/O. LIVINGSTONE, R. Sgt. GOSWAMI	do	23.25	04.22	This crew report 6/10th cloud at 15000ft also ground haze but visibility was good. The target was identified by sound and green flames. An attack was made from 15000ft. at 0245hrs. on a heading 025° N. The markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Several medium sized explosions were seen. One part of the town was burning well and buildings was covered with scattered incendiaries. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 1lb, 24 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.22
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.630 "B"	Sgt. ANDREWS, F.O. Sgt. JONES, R. Sgt. RAMSEY, L. Sgt. KENDRICK, J.V. Sgt. BOWEN, F.	do	23.35	04.32	This crew report 5/10th - 7/10th thin cloud at 18500 ft over target but visibility was good. The target was identified by markers. An attack was made from 19,000ft at 0245 hrs. on a heading 050° N. The markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Several 4000lb bombs seen exploding either scattered in groups over 3 miles within 7/7. Many fires caused by scattered incendiaries. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 500lbs. bombs, 270 x 1lb, 24 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.23
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.222 "F"	Sgt. ATKINSON, S.K. Sgt. COOK, L.F. Sgt. GRANT, W.A. Sgt. GIBBS, A.V. Sgt. TURNER, R.A.	do	23.53	04.40	This crew report 6/10th - 7/10th cloud and haze but over target but the visibility was good. The target was identified by the markers and an attack was made from 17000ft at 0200hrs. on a heading 050° N. The green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed, but bombs believed on aiming point. Big orange explosion seen at 0200hrs from 17000ft just after leaving target in middle of green 24 clouds. The continuous mass of fire concentrated on A/B. Very concentrated attack and believed very successful. 1 x 500lb hung up and was brought back to base and none was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 1lb & 24 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.24
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.638 "F"	F/O. GAINON, R.S. F/O. ROSE, A.G. F/O. COFFMAN, T.D. F/O. LAYTONVILLE, J. Sgt. GOSWAMI, R.	do	23.17	04.24	This crew report no cloud but ground haze giving poor vertical visibility. The target was identified by markers and a attack was made from 15000ft at 0145hrs on a heading 025° N. at the moment of heading no flames were seen so bombed in middle of large fire but no results were observed. Large fires seen burning through haze thought to be in southern part of the town. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 470 x 1lb, 32 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.25

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NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR. 906 "H"	P/O. BISS, G.B. P/O. BISHOP, G. Sgt. HAYWARD, G.B. Sgt. HARRISON, R. Sgt. BURNETT, H.A.	BOEMING BREMENLOW.	23.16	04.37	This crew report 3/10th- 6/10th clouds at 10000 and 20000ft. with haze between the visibility was poor. The target was identified by markers and river. An attack was made from 16000ft at 0143 hrs on a heading 011° E. The green markers were in bomb sight at moment of release and bombs believed to have dropped close to the markers. Loads of incendiaries scattered all over target but A/O was early over target and only good fire was in vicinity of green markers. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 470 x 4lbs incendiaries and 32 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.26
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR. 435 "J"	Sgt. COLLIER, H. Sgt. LINDSEY, G. Sgt. THOMPSON, P.W. Sgt. KILLION, G.E. Sgt. SPADON, W.A.	do	23.38	04.47	This crew report 6/10th thin cloud at 12000 ft. with haze at ground level. The target was identified by green F markers. An attack was made from 16000ft at 0205 hrs on a heading 030° E. No red markers were seen so bombed the green markers but no results were observed. Good concentrated fires round the markers. Large red fires seen as A/O left the target area. Bombs used as directed. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 4000lb bomb.	A.27
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR. 279 "K"	Sgt. MELLON, J.G. Sgt. COLLINS, R.A. Sgt. WATT, L.J. Sgt. DEWALL, J.P. Sgt. NEWBINE, K.P.	do	23.36	04.34	This crew report much haze and base then cloud. Visibility mainly good horizontally but poor vertically. The target was identified by red and green markers and river S.W. of the town. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Two large fires were seen north of aiming point and a good number of fires all round markers, covering town area. Crew considered fires were building up well and were still visible 55 miles away on return journey.	A.28
NIGHT 25/26.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR. 264 "L"	P/O. SYRACHAN, W.W. Sgt. HARTY, H.A. P/O. BARKY, H.J. Sgt. SWIFT, H.O. Sgt. STERN, H.M.	do	23.25	04.44	This crew report little cloud with haze and smoke. The target was identified by yellow markers seen on trunk on way in and red and green markers on target. The reds in a cluster and the green in an arc to the N.E. An attack was made from 17000ft at 0150hrs on a heading 150° E. At moment of bombing the red markers were dying so bomb the green markers. No results were observed. Big fires were burning west and N.E. of aiming point with other fires scattered over town area. Base was reached without incident. Load: 3 x 5000lb bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 50lbs incendiaries.	A.29
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR. 25 "M"	Sgt. SYMON, A.L. P/O. GARDNER, K.E. P/O. WILSON, T.H. Sgt. MURPHY, J.H. Sgt. BROWN, T.J.	do BOEMING. ESSEN	22.50	04.53	This aircraft returned early owing to pilot's escape hatch blew open at 10000 ft and aircraft too far from the runway to stop. The aircraft spent an hour flying and trying to close the hatch without success so the pilot decided to turn back and jettisoned his load in the sea from 30000ft at 1251hrs on a heading 240° E, 0155° E. The load of 1 x 4000lb H.B. exploded in the sea. Base was reached without further incident.	A.30

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NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON I NR.630 "B"	P/O. SIMONS, J. Sgt. LAMBERT, R.A. Sgt. HENMAN, A.H. Sgt. KING, E. P/Sgt. HENNE, G.C.	do	23.35	04.22	This crew report a ground haze but good visibility. The target was identified by HFF. An attack was made from 18,500ft at 0118 hrs on a heading 100°. Bombs dropped on concentration of all releases point fires. No single flame in bomb sight. Haze of fires below cloud which was lit up by their reflection. 4 x 30lbs incendiaries hung up and were brought back to base. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x Albs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.32
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON I NR.638 "F"	P/O. KIVARD, J.J.H. P/O. GRANT, R. Sgt. DOUGLAS, H.H. P/O. FARRIS, D. P/O. BOHMAN, F.R.	do	23.17	04.24	This crew report 7/10th cloud with ground haze but visibility was good above clouds. The target was identified by HFF. An attack was made from 14,500ft at 0118 hrs on a heading 100°. Red and green flames also with one white in the bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. It could be seen that fires in red and white glow were burning below cloud. The A/G was lit and held by heavy flak at altitude over target area. Part engine out at 0500ft on climb on return and starboard engine caught fire on A/G landed. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x Albs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.33
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON I NR.906 "F"	Sgt. SORCE, R.A. P/O. GARDNER, F.H. Sgt. HODGES, G.W. Sgt. CHILDSHAM, K. Sgt. BROWN, G.H.	do	24.53	04.09	This crew report 8/10th cloud at 8000ft clear above and visibility good. The target was identified by HFF. An attack was made from 17,000ft at 0118 hrs on a heading 100°. Glow of red flames were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Many fires seen through cloud. One big fire. One big explosion, with lit up cloud nearby, seen at 0118 hrs. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x Albs, 24 x 30 lbs incendiaries.	A.34
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON I NR.435 "F"	Sgt. GORDON, R. Sgt. LINDSEY, G. Sgt. THORNTON, F.W. Sgt. KILLICK, G.K. Sgt. SPANNO, V.A.	do	22.55	04.05	This crew report 10/10th cloud and good visibility. The target was identified by HFF. An attack was made from 10,000ft at 0115 hrs on a heading 100°. Flares in bomb sight at moment of release and no results seen. Many fires burning in target area. Manual used as directed. A/G damage in general caused by flak over target at 0120 hrs. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 4000lbs H.M. bomb.	A.35

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NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON X R. 2.732 "D"	P/O THOMSON, J.B. Sgt. SHANSPRAN, Y. P/O STANLEY, F. Sgt. SHAW, R.M. P/O MOIR, G.	BOMBING REHEAT	22.56	03.47	This crew report 8/10th thin cloud with cirrus above at 25000ft. Visibility moderate. The target was identified by IFF. Red and green stars in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Good fires burning well concentrated seen through cloud at scattered trails of incan flares on way in. The attack was made from 10,000ft at 0107hrs. on a heading 200° M. Base was reached without incident load carried, 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.36
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON X R. 294 "F"	P/O TAYLOR, R.R. P/O ALLEN, R.G. P/O FARRIS, J.H. P/O MURRAY, R.H. Sgt. BAILLIE, A.G.	do	22.52	---	This aircraft failed to return from operations and no further news has been heard from same. Below are the Operational hours and logs of the crew:  <small>OPERATIONAL</small> P.2023 P/O TAYLOR, Ralph Edgar. (Pilot) 27 143.58 P.1675 P/O Ralph, Grant, ALLEN. (Nav.) 28 140.58 P.1237 P/O John, AFB, FARRIS. (A/W.) 25 143.38 P.1729 P/O John, Marshall, MURRAY. (W/P/A.) 27 145.03 P.101346 Sgt. BAILLIE, Albert, George. (A/G.) 27 145.03	
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON X R. 486 "R"	Sgt. CHAMBERS, R.K. Sgt. MOORE, R.F. P/O OWEN, R.J. Sgt. BROOKING, L.H. Sgt. GAROUTTE, R.H.	do	22.51	04.05	This crew report 7/10th cloud at 7000ft with haze on the ground. Visibility was good. The target was identified by IFF. An attack was made from 19,500 ft at 0104 hrs. on a heading 190° M. Red markers with green stars were in bomb sight at moment of release but no result were observed. Very fine burning in the N.W. and N.E. of the town. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.38
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON X R. 553 "G"	Sgt. WRIGHT, J.H. Sgt. DEWID, J.O. P/O MITCHELL, G.D. Sgt. BROWN, F.N. Sgt. THOMPSON, T.A.	do	22.51	03.53	This crew report 7-8/10th layer stratus at 12,000ft with good visibility. The target was identified by IFF. An attack was made from 18,000ft at 011hrs on a heading 200° M. Red flares and green stars in bomb sight and bomb believed smoothly on aiming point but no result were observed. Very large fires in target area. One large fire orange red ball and six fires 3 miles north of aiming point at 011hrs. 1 x 500lbs bomb hung up and was brought back to base which was reached without incident. Load carried 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.39
NIGHT 27/28.5.43	WELLINGTON X R. 688 "V"	Sgt. MOADEN, W.F. Sgt. BARKER, J.D. Sgt. WISE, W. Sgt. WARD, K. Sgt. KELLY, R.B.	do	22.56	04.38	This crew report 8/10th cloud at 14,000ft with good visibility. The target was identified by IFF. An attack was made from 18000ft at 011hrs on a heading 180° M. Red flares and green stars were in bomb sight at moment of release and bomb dropped in middle of large fires. Large fires were seen through gap also big explosions in target area. 30 x 4lbs incendiaries hung up and brought back to base. 1/2 assessed by flash at 0115 hrs. Base was reached without incident. 3 x 500lbs bombs, 270 x 4lbs, 24 x 30lbs incendiaries were carried.	A.40

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NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.405 "T"	Sgt. BARKER, D.G. Sgt. HULL, G.H. Sgt. THOMPSON, G.V. Sgt. BRIDGE, J. Sgt. TAYLOR, J.	BOMBING SUPPORTIAL	22.40	03.29	This crew report clouds of smoke over the target but visibility was good. The target was identified by 777. Det T1 in bomb sight at moment of release. Big explosion and shower of flames seen from gun bank. Numerous buildings, the whole valley appeared to be on fire and it could be seen at least 30 miles away. Clouds of smoke billowing up to 10000ft. The crew compass went u/s shortly after we left target and did not come back. The attack was made from 15000ft at 014hrs on a heading 050°M. A/C was damaged by heavy flak. Propeller tip was seen broken off and the other engine and control case broken. At 17500ft on a heading 300°M, 0329°M. Base was reached without further incident. Lead carried 1 x 1000lbs H.C.	A.41
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.408 "V"	Sgt. HEALLEN, E.H. Sgt. BARKER, J.B. Sgt. WOOD, W. Sgt. HARR, L. Sgt. KELLY, D.H.	do	22.31	04.32	This crew report small amount of cloud and very good visibility. The target was identified by 777. An attack was made from 12500 ft at 0107hrs on a heading 050° M. Red markers in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Big fires burning in the target area. The glow of fires could be seen 40-50 miles away. Many enemy fires and enemy explosions at 003hrs on a heading 313° M, 0432° M. Base was reached without incident. Lead carried 360 x 4lbs, 40 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.42
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.429 "H"	F/O. MORRIS, J.H. Sgt. HENNING, R. Sgt. OGDEN, J.W. Sgt. HOLLAND, G. Sgt. KENNEDY, J.	do	22.36	01.15	This aircraft returned early owing to technical defect. All guns in rear turret went u/s. 003hrs on a heading 535°M, 0210°M. The pilot decided to return to base. 1 x 1000lbs H.C. was jettisoned in the sea from 8,000ft at 003hrs. on a heading 535°M, 0210°M. Base was reached without incident.	A.43
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.553 "G"	Sgt. Dingwall, F.F. Sgt. HARRIS, D. Sgt. HAYLER, F.A. Sgt. BUCHANAN, L.R. Sgt. LEAHY, R. Oo. F/O. HIGHT, A.H.	do	22.40	01.40	This aircraft went over target and the visibility was good. The target was identified by 777. An attack was made and at the moment of release no results were observed. On the way back to base the aircraft struck a hill at 18000ft. Many fires were burning in target area. The pilot and the navigator were killed in the attack and the crew injured. The above information was telephoned from navigator who was B/T in hospital. Lead carried 360 x 4lbs, 40 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.44
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON I HR.406 "E"	F/O. DOUGHERTY, J.H. Sgt. PHILLIPS, J.A. Sgt. WELSH, G.A. Sgt. HARRIS, R.H. Sgt. MURRAY, R.G.	do	22.35	03.12	This aircraft returned early owing to technical defect. The rear turret went u/s so pilot decided to turn back to base from 17,000ft at 003hrs. on a heading 310°M, 0420°M. The bomb load was brought back to base which was reached without incident. Lead carried 450 x 4lbs, 38 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.45

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NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR.264 "A" P	Sgt. SCROE, R.A. Sgt. GARDNER, R.A.F. Sgt. BOGGS, G.W. Sgt. CRITCHFIELD, R. Sgt. BROWN, G.K.	BOMBING WURTZEL	22.35	06.40	This crew report smoke and haze but good visibility. The target was identified by 199. An attack was made from 14000ft at 011hrs on a heading 045°. Red #1 were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were seen but believed on rising point. Many flares were burning smoke from which was rising to 10000ft. The intervention went w/s at 0200hrs on a heading 305°. 0605H. Base was reached without further in incident. Load 470 x 4lbs, 32 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.46
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR.279 "K"	S/O. SIFFON, O.P. Sgt. SHARPE, G.K. S/O. SINGHATE, G.A. Sgt. SHARPE, R.A. S/O. PATTERSON, K.R.	do	22.33	06.36	This crew report visibility good but the haze made visual pinpointing difficult. The target was identified by 199. An attack was made from 17000ft at 011hrs on a heading 360°. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of bombing but no results were observed but bombs believed to have fallen very close to the target. Large three round markers and smoke very thick up to 10000ft. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 1 x 4000lb H.U.	A.47
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR.335 "J"	Sgt. GRIFF, R.H. Sgt. JORDAN, J.L. Sgt. HANCOCK, J.J. Sgt. HANCOCK, L.G. Sgt. THORSON, G.	do	22.39	---	This aircraft failed to return from operations, and no news has been heard from same. Below are the Operational hours and trips of the crew.	A.48
							OPERATIONAL HOURS
							R.126558 Sgt. GRIFF, William (Pilot) 9 45.47
							130378 Sgt. JORDAN, Kenneth, Harry (Nav) 7 45.47
							550296 Sgt. HANCOCK, Joseph, John, Henry (A/G) 11 54.22
							1272168 Sgt. HANCOCK, Leslie, George (Wing/Lt) 11 54.22
							R.133782 Sgt. THORSON, Gordon, William (A/G) 12 66.47
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR.577 "Q"	Sgt. AMBERG, R.J. Sgt. JONES, R. Sgt. BOWKER, P. Sgt. KODINSKY, J.V.	do	22.32	06.44	This crew report visibility good but haze made visual pinpointing difficult. The target was identified by 199. An attack was made from 19000ft at 011hrs on a heading 045°. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release and bombs believed to have fallen in the target area. Yellow of fire in the target area. Brilliant explosion on the target at 011hrs, another at 011hrs, and smoke rising to 10000ft as A/G left target. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 360 x 4lbs, 40 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.49
NIGHT 29/30.5.43	WELLINGTON X HR.222 "H"	S/O. RIVARD, J.J.M. S/O. FRANK, R. Sgt. DOUGLAS, H.H. S/O. FAYETTE, R. S/O. BOLLEAU, F.R. Sgt. BURGESS, R.C.	do	22.37	06.38	This crew report 5/10ths cloud tops 3000ft with haze below but visibility was good. The target was identified by 199. An attack was made from 17000ft at 011hrs on a heading 050°. Red markers were in bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed but bombs believed to have fallen in the rising point. Big flares on and round the red #1, 2 or 3. An explosion followed by big red flares and thick black smoke believed to be oil burning were seen at 011hrs from 16000ft on a heading the target. Rear turret went w/s 30 miles from target. Base was reached without incident. Load 450 x 4lbs, 32 x 30lbs incendiaries.	A.50

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28/5.45	WELLINGTON I HL 630 "B"	F/O. GIBBENS, J. Sgt. LAMBERT, R.A. Sgt. WHELAN, A.H. Sgt. KEMP, R. F/Sgt. HINES, R.G.	BOMBING WETTERAL.	22.31	04.16	This crew report slight ground haze and good visibility. The target was identified by HF markers. An attack was made from 10500ft at 01.05 hrs on a heading 090°. At the moment of release a glimmer of green FI markers were in the bomb sight and bombs fell in the vicinity of same. No results were observed. Hospital appeared to be covered with flames. A big explosion was seen at 01.30 hrs from 10500ft. Bombs were falling to 5000ft. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 50 x 4lbs, 40 x 20lbs incendiaries.	A.51
29/5.45	WELLINGTON I HL 732 "B"	F/O. STRACHAN, W.H. Sgt. MARTIN, R.A. F/O. BARNES, R.A. Sgt. STUART, R.G. Sgt. TIBBETTS, G.C.	do	22.30	04.12	This crew report much smoke but good visibility. The target was identified by HF markers. An attack was made from 17000ft at 01.17 hrs on a heading 073°. The markers were in the bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Many flames, a big explosion and black smoke were seen at 01.30 hrs. A/C was loaded by flame. Base was reached without further incident. Load carried 40 x 4lbs, 32 x 30 lbs incendiaries.	A.52
29/5.45	WELLINGTON I HL 555 "A"	Sgt. MALCOLM, J.S. Sgt. COLLIER, R.A. Sgt. HAY, L.A. Sgt. DEWALLA, J.P. Sgt. HENNING, F.P.	do	22.39	04.10	This crew report very good visibility. The target was identified by the HF markers. An attack was made from 10,000ft at 01.12 hrs. on a heading 090°. The markers were in the bomb sight at moment of release but no results were observed. Many flames were burning in the town. The raid was very successful. Base was reached without incident. Load carried 40 x 4lbs, 32 x 30 lbs incendiaries.	A.53

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